

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, Illinois State Police and highway workers throughout Illinois are committed to reducing crashes and fatalities by improving the safety of our state's work zones and educating the public about laws that make work zones safer; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway and Illinois State Police, while maintaining the safety of state highways, are regularly exposed to the dangers presented by work zones; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois sees an average of over 6,400 work-zone crashes a year, resulting in more than 1,700 injuries; and,

WHEREAS, preliminary data indicates 37 people were killed in Illinois work zones in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, two workers were killed in Illinois work zones in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Tollway, Illinois State Police and industry partners come together each spring to call attention to work-zone safety and raise awareness, asking motorists to help improve safety by making safer choices when driving through work zones; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative aligns with the 2021 National Work Zone Awareness Week, which runs April 26-30 with the theme, "Drive Safe. Work Safe. Save Lives," to change behavior and save lives;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 26-30, 2021 as **Work Zone Safety Awareness Week** in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this SECOND day of APRIL, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

TWENTY-ONE, and of the State of Illinois,

two hundred and THIRD

SECRETARY OF STATE

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